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Applicant: **Takashi MURAMATSU *et al.***

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a three-month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the Final Office Action dated **March 9, 2004**, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.